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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE REVALUATION OF SAUDI RIYAL

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1. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCIAL AFFAIRS MOHAMMAD ABU AL-KHAYL AND DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF PETROMIN KHALID AL-QUSAYBI, EMBOFF WAS TOLD THAT SAG HAS NO INTENTION REVALUE RIYAL. ABU AL-KHAYL SAID IT WAS SAUDI BUSINESSMEN AND IMPORTERS, WHO WERE SPECIFICALLY URGING SUCH ACTION, AND STIMULATING SELF-SERVING RUMORS. AL-QUSAYBI POINTED OUT THAT REVALUATION WOULD NOT BE IN BEST LONG-TERM INTEREST OF SAUDI DEVELOPMENT. HE ADDED THAT IN ANY CASE, FINANCIAL MOVE OF SUCH IMPORTANCE SHOULD NOT EVEN BE CONSIDERED DURING CURRENT STATE OF WORLD FINANCIAL INSTABILITY.

2. COMMENT: WHILE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HIGHLY UNLIKELY
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THAT EITHER SAG OFFICIAL WOULD ADMIT REVALUATION BEING

CONSIDERED, BOTH OFFICIALS, AND ESPECIALLY AL-QUSAYBI,
GAVE STRONG REASONS WHY THEY CONSIDERED REVALUATION WOULD
NOT BE IN BEST INTEREST OF SAG. AT SAME TIME, STRENGTHEN-
ING OF DOLLAR IN RECENT DAYS SEEMS TO HAVE QUIETED DOWN
LOCAL RUMORS OF REVALUATION.
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